64. Petition of Francis Tucker, B.D., prisoner in Newgate for debt, to the same. Samuel Eaton, prisoner in Newgate, committed by you for a schismatical and dangerous fellow, has held conventicles in the gaol, some to the number of 70 persons, and is permitted by the keeper openly to preach. Eaton has oftentimes affirmed in his sermons that baptism was the doctrine of devils, and its original an institution from the devil, and has railed against the archbishop, affirming that all bishops were heretics, blasphemers, and anti-christians. The keeper, having notice hereof by petitioner, who desired that these great resorts might be prevented, and Eaton be reproved, and removed to some other place in the prison, replied to petitioner disdainfully, threatening to remove him to some worser place. The keeper has been present in a conventicle of 60 persons when Eaton was preaching. He said there was a very fair and goodly company, and stayed there some season. Contrary to the charge of the High Commission, he permits Eaton to go abroad to preach to conventicles. The keeper also caused petitioner's sister to be removed out of the prison, contrary to the opinion of a doctor, and she died the very next day, her chamber being presently after her removal assigned to Eaton, it being the most convenient place in the prison for keeping his conventicles. Prays the Archbishop to refer the examination of this matter to Isaac Pennington and John Wollaston, sheriffs of London, and in the meantime to take such course with the keeper as shall be thought fitting. [1 *p.*]

65. Petition of John Tregonwell to the same. The Bishop of

Aug. 31. 107. Memorandum addressed to Mr. Alsop. I wrote to you the other week how that I had been with [Samuel] Eaton. This is further to let you understand that upon Sunday the 25th inst. I was accidentally at his burial, for, having been to visit one at Bethlehem, while coming home I met Brownists and Anabaptists, I think at least 200, with Eaton's corpse, so I went back with them to see how they would bury their dead. I observed how they answered such as met them, demanding who that was to be buried; they said it was one of the bishop's prisoners, but when they came to the grave, it being made ready for them in the new church-yard near Bethlehem [Bunhill Fields], they, like so many bedlams, cast the corpse in, and with their feet, instead of spades, cast and thrust in the mould till the grave was almost full. Then they paid the grave-maker for his pains, who told them he must fetch a minister, but they said he might spare his labour. I could wish that you would certify my Lord of this, also that I had been at the Gate-house to visit Mrs. Traske, who has lain in the New Prison, now dissolved, and in the Gate-house eleven years. She was committed for keeping Saturday for her Sabbath. She would never show any thought of relenting nor petition, neither [would she] suffer others to do so for her liberty, for that she conceives God, who knows what is best for her, has caused authority to put her into this place. She will not open her mouth against authority, and cannot endure those that do so, but will take them up most sharply. She will receive no gifts,